DR. G. D. NOKES: Yes, in the case of short acting appointments. The provision is conditional and has not yet been put into force. The member is referred to page 40 of the Administration Report of the Public Service Department for 1112 M. E.

Alleppey-Thanneermukkom road.

289 *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the length of the Alleppey-Thanneermukkom road;

(*b*) the length already completed;

(*c*) whether they have received any representation from the Co-operative Society No. 1670 at any time for the immediate completion of the same;

(*d*) when the construction began; and

(*e*) why completion is delayed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) 13 miles and 6 furlongs.

(*b*) 6 miles and 3 furlongs *i. e.*, 3 miles and 3 furlongs at Alleppey end and 3 miles at Thanneermukkom end (from Thanneermukkom to Puthen *thodu*).

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) In 1110 M. E.

(*e*) Some sections of the road have been completed and some are in progress, while estimate is under preparation in the case of the remaining.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know from the honourable member how long was the estimate under preparation with reference to answer (*b*)?

MR. G. B. TRUSCOTT: The estimate was prepared in 1935

Rule 45 of the Public Service Recruitment Rules.

290 *MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received complaints about Rule 45 of the Public Service Recruitment Rules?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Yes.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know the main trend of these complaints?

DR. G. D. NOKES: The main trend of the complaint is that they not satisfied with the rule.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether rule 45 prevents confirmation on the ratio of the selective test that is 6 to 4?

DR. G. D. NOKES: I cannot confirm a man in any post which is done by the head of a department.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether this ratio is kept in confirmations which have already been made?

DR. G. D. NOKES: Confirmation is made by the Departmental heads and not by myself.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether the Public Service Commissioner has recommended to Government any rules regarding confirmation?

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